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JOINT EMBASSY-USIS MESSAGE

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SUBJECT: JEUNE AFRIQUE AND FRANCE-GUINEA RELATIONS

REF: CONAKRY 844

1. WE HAVE IMPRESSION "JEUNE AFRIQUE" (JA) EXPECTED JUNE 6 ARTICLE TO APPEAR SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING RELEASE OF FRENCH PRISONERS. GIVEN THE SEVERAL MORE DIRECT MEANS AT ITS DISPOSITION, WE DOUBT THAT THE GOF WOULD NEED TO, NOR WOULD, USE JA FOR INFORMAL COMMUNICATION WITH GUINEA. FROM PARIS VANTAGE POINT, WE THINK GOG WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO PERCEIVE ARTICLE AS INTERFERENCE THAN AS SIGNAL. JA HAS EXCELLENT CONTACTS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FRENCH CIRCLES, AT UNITED NATIONS, AND IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND WE SUPPOSE THE ARTICLE WAS PUT TOGETHER FROM ALL THESE SOURCES.

2. JA HAS GOOD RELATIONS AT ALL LEVELS OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND PARTICULARLY GOOD RELATIONS WITH MINISTRY OF COOPERATION. JA NEVER IDENTIFIES
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SOURCES, AND USUALLY TIMES STORIES WELL, SO FRENCH

PROBABLY CONSIDER "LEAKS" MORE HELPFUL THAN BOTHER-SOME. (EDITOR BERNETEL STATES REASON JA DID NOT UNDERLINE PRESENCE OF HIGH-LEVEL FRENCH MISSION IN SOUTH AFRICA DURING DAR ES SALAAM LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WAS THAT JA HAD RECENTLY HAD LONG ARTICLE ON FRENCH ARMS SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA, SO TIMING WAS NOT RIGHT). JA PRIDES ITSELF ON REGULAR ACCESS TO HIGH FRENCH OFFICIALS, EVEN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CRITICAL ARTICLES. BERNETEL STATES FRENCH NEVER COMPLAIN, AND REMAIN FORTHCOMING.

3. WE WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT JA CONTINUES TO EMPLOY GUINEAN EXILE SIRADIOU DIALLO, WHO EDITS VIRULENT ANTI-SEKOU TOURE PUBLICATION IN FRANCE. WHEN GUINEA ANNOUNCES A PLOT, OFTEN IT ACCUSES DIALLO, PERHAPS WITH SOME ACCURACY, OF BEING LEADER, BAGMAN, AND COURRIER OF PLOTTERS.

4. ON JUNE 10, A RELATIVE OF ONE OF THE FRENCH PRISONERS HELD IN GUINEA WHO HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN PRIVATE EFFORTS TO PRESS THE QUAI AND THE ELYSEE TO COME TO TERMS WITH SEKOU IN ORDER TO SECURE THE PRISONERS' RELEASE, TOLD US THAT ANDRE LEWIN EXPECTS AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE BEFORE THE END OF JUNE IN CONAKRY, NEW YORK AND PARIS SIMILAR TO THE DECLARATION MADE JUST PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF SEKOU'S GERMAN PRISONERS. OUR SOURCE ADDED THAT A PETITION INCLUDING CHARGES OF TORTURE AND KILLING SIGNED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS DRAWN FROM THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF FRENCH POLITICAL OPINION WAS FORWARDED TO SEKOU TWO WEEKS AGO BY THE FRENCH RIGHTS OF MAN LEAGUE. THE LEAGUE THREATENED TO PUBLISH THE PETITION IF THE PRISONERS WERE NOT RELEASED WITHIN A STATED PERIOD. OUR SOURCE SEEMED OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE OUTCOME BUT ADMITTED THAT SHE HAD BEEN SIMILARLY OPTIMISTIC AT EARLIER MOMENTS IN THE FRANCO-GUINEAN NEGOTIATIONS. SHE ALSO RECALLED SEKOU'S TOTAL UNPREDICTABILITY.

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